

## PROGRESS MADE WITH NEW HOTEL

Company Now Being Organized to Erect Fine Building on Payne Lot.

Especial attention is called to the announcement of the Tazewell Hotel Corporation, published in this issue. The scheme is, generally, heartily approved by the citizens of the town. It is along the line of progress and improvement, and any scheme or movement which promises growth for this town should be heartily supported by every business man and firm in the community, without exception. The payment of subscriptions is made so easy that few, if any of the citizens of the town can reasonably refuse to take one or more shares. A nice building on the now vacant lot on Main Street would add greatly to the value of property all around, and in the future, the scheme should have, and will have the support of the people. The matter should be put through as soon as possible. Let's "get together."

Dear Sir:

It is perfectly apparent that the town of Tazewell has made little if any progress for the last two years. There has been practically no building done, and I believe more families have moved from the town than have moved into it. If the town is to improve, it can only be done by the citizens.

We have organized a corporation, the object and purpose of which is to build a hotel on the site of the Old Central Hotel, the maximum amount of the capital stock is \$50,000 and it will take from \$40,000 to \$50,000 to purchase the lot, construct a hotel and furnish and equip same. W. P. Payne purchased this lot at a cost of \$6500 in February 1906, calculating 6 per cent. upon the investment, the lot has cost him over \$11000. He has conveyed this lot to the Tazewell Hotel Corporation in consideration of \$8000 of its stock, and has subscribed for \$10,000 in addition, to be paid in cash upon the call of the officers of the Corporation. I have subscribed for \$1000 of the stock, thus making a total of \$19000 now available.

This proposition is to be presented to every business man in the town of Tazewell, and if they do not subscribe to the stock the hotel will not be built. Each business man will be requested to take some stock, whether it be much or little. And in view of the fact that the macadam roads will be constructed through the county, it is necessary to have a suitable and commodious hotel, for the convenience of visitors as well as our own county people, if we expect to attract any parties seeking homes, to our community.

The investment in the stock of this hotel corporation should pay 6 per cent. dividend, but if the investment does not pay you any dividend directly, it will necessarily pay you more than 6 per cent. indirectly.

It is not the object or intention of any one connected with this corporation to antagonize the business of any one else, and especially of the hotel now in the town, but it is for the purpose of having ample accommodation, and a hotel run on different plans and in different styles from the hotel that we now have. If you are interested in increasing your own business, or if you have any pride in the town, we desire you to join with us in this enterprise, and will get you to call on the treasurer and subscribe for such amount as you may feel justified in carrying.

Yours respectfully,  
GEO. W. ST. CLAIR.

### Death of Miss Graham

Miss Mary Elizabeth Graham died this morning at 4:25 at her home, No. 313 Commerce street, aged 38 years. Miss Graham had been in ill health for sometime, suffering from spine and kidney trouble, and worried over her financial and physical condition, and attempted to take her life with poison last Thursday. A physician was sent for and was of the opinion that she had not taken poison. She seemed to have recovered from the effects of what she had taken, but complications developed, and her condition became worse until the end this morning.

Miss Graham was a native of West Virginia. She is survived by six brothers and sisters: Mr. Sam Graham, Mrs. Conda Nunnally, of Horsepen, Va. Mr. Abert Graham of Tip Top, Va. Mrs. Sarah Dillion, of Ads, W. Va. Mrs. Jennie Murphy, of Jaeger, W. Va., and Mrs. Mary Freeman, of Lewisburg, W. Va. Her remains will be taken to Horsepen, tomorrow for interment.—Roanoke Cor. Lynchburg News, December 28th.

### Pounding Mill

Pounding Mill, Jan. 3.—Christmas here passed off pleasantly. The S. S. gave a Christmas tree, preceded by an entertainment, which was enjoyed very much. The house was packed to overflowing. The poor were remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mulhey and family, from Honaker, visited their mother, Mrs. Susan Ringstaff, and other relatives here the last of the week.

Mrs. Tom Steele and baby, from Duffield, and Mrs. James E. McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, are visiting their relatives, W. B. Steele and family.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie and Mrs. O. H. Hurt attended the marriage of Mr. G. W. Gillespie, at Tazewell, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Williams, and little daughter, Leonard of Williamson, spent last week with their mother, Mrs. Rebekah Williams. "Little Harry" returned home with them for a short visit.

George Ben Harris returned to Newport News Monday, after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. B. Harris.

Miss Helen McGuire, Cedar Bluff, visited her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Steele, Monday night and Tuesday.

The following V. P. I. boys will return to Blacksburg this morning: Harvey George and Fred Gillespie and Rex Steele.

W. R. Sparks spent several days last week visiting relatives at Whitewood. The Misses Neale, of Paint Lick, spent Christmas with the Misses Christian.

Mrs. J. T. Altizer is quite ill with tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Altizer's country home near Gillespie, occupied by their son, Elbert Altizer, was burned on that windy day recently. They lost everything. The baby was badly burned; the mother and two other small children were in the kitchen washing, the baby cried, and when rescued, the room was in flames. The parents and sick child are at their father's here.

Mrs. Jonas Baldwin and children are moving to Richlands.

A number from here attended the burial of Mrs. Nan Phillips, wife of Henry Phillips, near her home, on yesterday. Services were conducted by Rev. Geo. R. Thomas, of this place. She died of pneumonia, preceded by bronchitis. She was a member of the Church of God, and fully consecrated to His cause. Her host of neighbors and friends are deeply grieved because of her death. She said on Friday that she heard the angels singing, and asked her husband and relatives if they could hear same. She leaves six sisters and three brothers, five sisters being present when she was ushered into eternity.

Miss Effie Williams spent Thursday and Thursday night visiting Mrs. Pearl McGuire at Cedar Bluff.

Mrs. J. Marion McGuire visited her daughter here last week.

Miss Maggie Hurt is home from Bethany College.

Mrs. W. B. Steele, Misses Uva and Rex Steele spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion McGuire; Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fields at Cedar Bluff.

Mrs. James Brewster has been very sick but is better.

Robbie Altizer has been very sick but is improving.

Misses Georgie and Adelle Harris are at home from Norton and Lynchburg schools.

Dr. W. R. Williams and little sons were visiting his aunt, Mrs. Rebekah Williams, and while here spent a portion of the time hunting.

Miss Lettie Lovell spent Christmas with her father, John Lovell.

Mrs. Linkous, of Indian, visited her brother, R. M. Sparks last week. James Neel spent Sunday and Monday with parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Neel near Paint Lick.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Faulkner, of Tip Top, visited relatives here last week.

### The Minstrel Show

The Minstrel Show, given in the High School Chapel on December 29, and repeated in the theatre on Jan. 1, by the Tazewell Musical Club, was a success, both from a point of enjoyment and financially. The crowd in attendance at both entertainments was large, and enthusiastic in their applause. The cake walk contest at the first entertainment was won by Miss Tot McCall and Berkley Gillespie.

The ladies of the Musical Club, where the idea originated, are to be congratulated upon the successful management of this home talent entertainment, so well staged and performed.

### "The Crusader" Tonight

"The Crusaders," the subject of the motion picture show to be given at the theater tonight and tomorrow night, is said to be one of the finest picture shows on the road. During the performance of the pictures a lecture is had, giving a full history of the crusade.

## CHRISTMAS HERE WAS LIKE SUMMER

Everybody Behaved Themselves — Fireworks Were Not Allowed — Bills Due

Christmas passed quietly in Tazewell—as quiet or more so, than the usual Sunday, as there was not the ringing of a church bell to disturb the quietness of the day. There were a number of specially prepared dinners for family reunions, and several dances and entertainments by the young people. The Sunday Schools of the town gave pleasant entertainments or treats of candy, toys, etc., to the pupils, all of which was greatly enjoyed. The good ladies of the town, representing the different schools, went in a body to the county farm on Wednesday, carrying well filled baskets of good things, in the shape of confectionery, fruits, toys, clothing, etc., and an amount of good cheer greater than all the other gifts. The older people, as well as the children there, of which there are quite a number, were bountifully remembered. This was, perhaps, the most beautiful and most highly appreciated service the people of Tazewell rendered during the Christmas holidays.

The giving of gifts was liberal, as usual, in the family circles of the town, while friends and relatives at a distance were not forgotten. The firing of bombs and other Christmas explosives, was forbidden, and the ordinance fairly well, though not universally, observed.

The conduct of the youngsters and the older ones, as well, was admirable. Not a single case of drunkenness is reported. Sargeant Thompson made no arrests, and there was little or no trouble.

Several fine Sunday School entertainments are reported from the county around town. The one given at Concord seems to have been an elaborate affair. The two schools, Mt. Olivet and Concord, united and had two beautiful trees, loaded down with gifts. The entertainment took place at Concord and was a fine affair. The only "kicks" some of us have coming is, that we did not know of the affair before hand so as to have had the pleasure of attending.

And, so it is, all over, and we start on another year run. No, forget it. It is not "all over" yet. The bills are to come in.

### Making a Day of It

A Chicago boy whose parents have taken him to California for the winter developed an anxiety when President Taft was out there recently to look upon the country's Chief Magistrate. Arrangements were made to gratify his wish and the youngster was taken to one of the places where the President was to make a speech. After the boy had taken one good look at Mr. Taft he turned to his mother and said:

"Well, we've seen the President. Now let's go and buy some popcorn." —Chicago Record-Herald.

### Farmers Institute

The Board of Directors has fixed upon the 17th to 19th of January, for the winter meeting of the State Farmers' Institute in the city of Richmond. The Legislature will then be in session. There are several questions now pending and of vital importance to the farmers and stockmen of the State, to be formulated by the board and instituted before the legislative consideration and action. The important interests of the State, primarily involved in the welfare of these bodies, and it is earnestly hoped that this meeting will see a large attendance of farmers and stockmen and auxiliary societies of the State and especially from the great Southwest. A. J. TYNES, Member Board of Directors.

### Gillespie-Ward

Mr. George W. Gillespie, President of The Tazewell National Bank, and one of Tazewell's most prominent citizens, and Mrs. Margaret Ward, were quietly married on Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Ward, west of town, Rev. S. O. Hall, officiating. A reception was held at the residence of Mr. Gillespie in this town, where the newly wedded people were the recipients of many hearty congratulations. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie left, in company with quite a party, for Florida, where they will spend the winter. A large number of people assembled at the depot to pay their respects, and to wish bon voyage to the happy couple, who left amid showers of rice. The marriage of these two popular and prominent people was an event in Tazewell, and their legion of friends wish for them every happiness.

### Negro Counterfeiters

Harris, Atterson, John Medlock and Walter Scott, colored, were arrested at Cedar Bluff Monday, by deputy U. S. Marshall E. M. Shrader, charged with making and passing counterfeit money. The trio were given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner T. A. Gillespie at Cedar Bluff, and sent to jail to await the action of the federal grand jury. It is asserted that the men passed or attempted to pass counterfeit bills, ranging in denomination of from one to ten dollars. Scott is believed to be at the head of the gang, but the general opinion is that the money was gotten elsewhere and not made by the negroes, as the making of greenback money is an art that few possess. Marshall Shrader has been at work on the case this week, and further developments of interest may be expected.

### Death of Dr. Wiley

A cablegram received today by Dr. Waller Jamison brought news of the death on December 22nd, in Brazil, South America, of Dr. Garland S. Wiley, formerly a popular young physician of Roanoke. Dr. Wiley died of nephritis, or kidney trouble. He was thirty one years old. The body will be brought to Virginia for burial, but whether they will be interred here or at his birthplace, in Washington county, will be determined later.

Dr. Wiley was educated at Emory and Henry College, of which his father, now dead, was at one time president. He was also a graduate of the medical department of the University of Virginia. On receiving his degree he located at Tom's Creek, Va., being connected with the Virginia Coal and Coke Company. In 1908 he came to Roanoke and was exceedingly popular here in business and social circles, winning many warm friends, to whom the news of his death will come as a distinct shock.

October 1, 1910, he left Roanoke, going to South America as a physician for the Madero and Mamosa Railway, being stationed at Porto Valero, Brazil. A cablegram has been sent directing that the body be brought to America.

Dr. Wiley was a member of the Masons and the Shriners. He was also a member of the Roanoke Aerio Club, the Roanoke German Club, the Alleghany Club and the Country Club.—Roanoke Times, Dec. 24th.

Dr. Wiley was a brother of Rev. E. E. Wiley, of this town, pastor of the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Wiley was called to Roanoke several days ago, by Dr. Phillips, who was partner with Dr. Wiley, in the practice of medicine in Roanoke, on business connected with this partnership. From Roanoke Mr. Wiley will go to Greenville, Tennessee, to visit his aged mother. No arrangements have been made as yet, so far as can be learned, for bringing the body of Dr. Wiley here for burial, and the opinion is expressed that the body, which has been interred in Brazil, will remain there.

### Italian Killed

William Johnson, a colored man, was brought to jail here Sunday before Christmas by Constable Boss Brown, charged with killing an Italian on Indian Creek the Friday previous. Only meager reports of the killing could be obtained, but it is said that the Italian was brutally murdered for his money, the negro admitting after the crime that he had committed the crime for the money the foreigner had on his person. One unconfirmed rumor is that a colored woman was an eye-witness to the

## ROADS STOPPED BY THE COURT

Injunction Granted, Restraining Supervisors From Letting Roads to Contract.

On Thursday before Christmas an injunction was granted by Judge Key upon application of members of the Tazewell bar, representing the petitioners, enjoining the Board of Supervisors from letting to contract the road for which bids were asked in this paper, embracing about 20 miles of road lying in Jeffersonville and Maiden Spring districts.

The allegations upon which the injunction was granted were signed by more than 200 citizens of the county, most of whom live in the immediate section where this road was proposed to be constructed, and were, briefly, as follows:

That the proposed road is very little traveled, should not therefore be built first, that it runs parallel with the railroad, and close to same; that there are no available funds in the treasury with which to build the road; that contracts let in mid-winter will cost more, and that the term of office of F. Thompson and W. J. Lester expire at once, and that to let this large contract of this little traveled road, would tie the hands of the new supervisor of this district, and that the letting and building of this particular road at this time was prompted by personal motives for private and personal benefit, etc.

Briefly, the above embodies the arguments upon which Judge Keyley granted the injunction asked for.

L. O. Pettitt and J. E. Bunn, representing the Bunn Construction Company, and C. C. Long, representing the Gallion Iron Works, were in town last week. These gentlemen came up from Big Stone Gap to bid on the roads which were advertised to be let to contract on the 28th, and lately stopped by injunction proceedings, but so public notice had been given the granting of the injunction, and other contractors were here also. Bunn and Company were the largest contractors in the Wise county road construction, having about 52 miles of road to build, which they will complete by June 1, next, less than a year since contract was let.

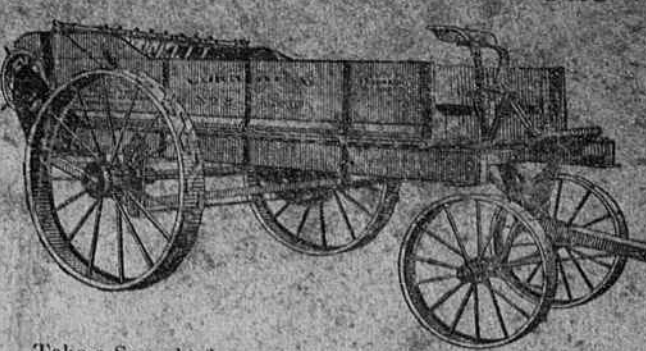
### Convict Labor Cheaper.

In a letter accompanying his annual report to Governor Mann, Captain P. St. Julien Wilson submits some valuable information concerning convict labor on the roads and the cost thereof. He says in part: "It is gratifying to note the reduction in the average cost per mile of roads this year as compared with that reported one year ago. This is particularly noticeable in the cost of macadam roads, the average cost having been reduced approximately to \$500 per mile.

"This is due to several causes, one of the principal of which is the reduction in the cost of maintenance of the convict labor. The cost of the convict labor as reported by the superintendent of the penitentiary has for the past year 50.67 cents per hour working day; this cost was 66.71 cents and in 1909 was 75 cents a day.

"It is also interesting to note the cost of roads built with convict labor with the cost of roads built with force labor, the cost of the latter being 1.25 cents per hour working day, a favor of convict labor.

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### HONOR ROLL

Honor Roll, Richlands High School, for the month of December. To be on the honor roll pupil must maintain a 90 per cent on daily recitation, 80 per cent on departmental work, and 80 per cent on attendance.

First Grade—Neel, Law, Donahoe, Short.